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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**GROUP ART UNIT 1638**

Docket No. 72243-A-PCT-US/JPW/GJG

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Higgins et al.

Serial No.: 09/508,979 Examiner: C. Collins

Filed : May 10, 2000 Art Unit: 1638

For : METHOD FOR ALTERING STORAGE ORGAN COMPOSITION

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June 1, 2004

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JANUARY 30, 2004 FINAL OFFICE ACTION, PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME, SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, REVOCATION OF POWER OF ATTORNEY, APPOINTMENT OF NEW ATTORNEY AND NOTICE OF NEW CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued January 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the January 30, 2004 Final Office Action was due April 30, 2004. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time from April 30, 2004 to May 30, 2004. The required fee for the one-month extension of time is \$110.00 and a check including this amount is enclosed. However, because May 30, 2004 falls on a Sunday, and Monday, May 31, is a Federal holiday, this response filed Tuesday, June 1, 2004 shall be considered timely pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

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Please amend the subject application as follows:

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